

From: Shawn Garvin/R3/USEPA/US
Sent: 1/13/2012 1:28:22 PM
To: Richard Windsor/DC/USEPA/US@EPA; Alisha Johnson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA; Betsaida Alcantara/DC/USEPA/US@EPA; Brendan Gilfillan/DC/USEPA/US@EPA; Bob Sussman/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
CC:
Subject: Fw: State Impact Pa. - EPA Chief Says Krancer's Letter Won't Help Dimock Residents

FYI...

----- Original Message -----

From: Roy Seneca
Sent: 01/13/2012 01:21 PM EST
To: Shawn Garvin; William Early; Daniel Ryan; Michael Dandrea; Jennie Saxe; Stacie Driscoll; Jessica Greathouse; Joan Schafer; Ron Borsellino; Kathy Hodgkiss; Michael Kulik; Terri-A White
Subject: State Impact Pa. - EPA Chief Says Krancer's Letter Won't Help Dimock Residents

<http://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2012/01/13/epa-chief-says-krancers-letter-wont-help-dimock-residents/>

EPA Chief Says Krancer's Letter Won't Help Dimock Residents

January 13, 2012 | 12:26 PM
By Susan Phillips

Envi-ron-men-tal Pro-tec-tion Agency Administra-tor Lisa Jackson says she found it “puzzling” that Pennsylvania’s top reg-u-la-tor would write a letter critical of her Agency’s role in Dimock’s water problems. Last week Depart-ment of Envi-ron-men-tal Pro-tec-tion Sec-re-tary Michael Krancer sent a let-ter to Jack-son telling her the EPA’s knowl-edge of the sit-u-a-tion is “rudimentary.” Krancer has expressed hos-til-ity toward the EPA’s actions sev-eral times since tak-ing over as DEP Sec-re-tary last year.

At a press conference Friday at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, Jack-son said fed-eral regulators need more data on Dimock’s water.

“That’s what I’m committed to,” said Jack-son. “It’s puzzling to me how writing letters will help the peo-ple in Dimock.”

Jack-son said the EPA has not got-ten all the data they need from the DEP.

“If we can get the data, or if he [Krancer] can assure us that they’re look-ing at the data,” said Jack-son, “then I would be fine.”

In the January 5 let-ter to Administra-tor Jackson, Krancer also crit-i-cized the EPA’s conclusions about the cause of water pollution in Pavil-ion, Wyo. The EPA recently released a report that linked fracking oper-a-tions to residen-tial drink-ing water con-t-a-m-i-na-tion in Pavilion.

The EPA is con-sid-er-ing sup-ply-ing water to Dimock, Pa. res-i-dents after the DEP told Cabot Oil and Gas it could stop those deliveries. Administrator Jackson says before any water gets shipped to Dimock, more testing and data are needed.

Roy Seneca
EPA Region 3 Press Officer

Office of Public Affairs
seneca.roy@epa.gov
(215) 814-5567